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<TEXT>I do not want to pay more for my telephone service! I urge you to reject a flat fee proposal that would change how contributions are made to the Universal Service Fund. I am concerned that this proposal could make my current service unaffordable.

Under the flat fee proposal you are considering, people who make few long distance calls would pay the same as people or businesses that make many calls. In other words, low-volume and primarily residential customers would bear the same universal service fund burden as a high-volume residential or business customers. This is unfair!

I use my wireless phone for safety, security and convenience. I don't want to lose these benefits so that big businesses can pay less than their fair share. I urge you to reject the proposal to move the USF collection system to a flat-fee.

Keep the USF Fair! I am a 71 year old widow living far from the village. I live alone in a wide stretch of wilderness and would have to give up my Tracfone if the charges were increased. Because of the distance I live from the village I pay extra charges for my home phone and find that my savings are being eaten up by all the charges that benefit the Federal Govt. and big business. Savings and Social Security no longer allow us to live a decent and safe life.

Sincerely,

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